

would cherish the former, but have ceased to expect it. (*1 U. S. Minister to Spain, 1805. F. Vlii., 35¹-*)

SPAIN.—Nature has formed that peninsula to 1»c the scam, and why not the first nation in Europe? (live equal habits < energy to bodies, and of science to the minds of her citizen and where could her superior be found? The most udvantag< ous relation in which she can stand with her American colonic is that of independent friendship, secured by the ties of cor sanguinity, sameness of language, religion, manners, and habit! and certain from the influences of these, of a preference in he commerce, if, instead of the eternal irritations, thwarting* machinations against their new governments, the insults ani aggressions which Great Britain has so unwisely practiced to wards us, to force us to hate her against our natural inclinations Spain yields, like a genuine parent, to- the forisfamiltation of he colonies, now at maturity, if she extends to them her aflVctions her aid, her patronage in every court and country, it wilt weavt a bond of union indissoluble by time. (To Valentine de To ronda Corena, 1813. C. VI., 274.)

SPAIN.—If the mother country has not the magnanimity K part with the colonies in friendship, thereby making¹ I hem, what they would certainly be, her natural and firmest allies, these will emancipate themselves, after exhausting IHT strength and resources in ineffectual efforts to hold them in subjection. They will be rendered enemies of the mother country, as Knglant] has rendered us by an unremitting course of insulting injuries and silly provocations. I do not say this from the impulse ol national interest, for I do not know that the United Slates would find an interest in the independence of neighbor nations, whose produce and commerce would rivalize ours. It could only be that link of interest which every human being¹ has in the happiness and prosperity of every other. But putting- right and reason out of the question, I have no doubt that on calculation! of interest alone, it is that of Spain to anticipate voluntarily, and as a matter of grace, the independence of her colonies, which otherwise necessity will enforce. (To Chevalier de Onis, 1814 C. VI., 342.)